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SUBJECT: US-BRAZIL SUB GROUP MEETING

REF: BRASILIA 6537

1. USDA AND DEPARTMENT APPRECIATE EMBASSY REPORTING ON PROPOSALS FOR SUB GROUP MEETING ON AGRICULTURE. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WISHES TO CONFIRM PROPOSED DATES OF NOON, SEPTEMBER 20 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 21 AND NOON, SEPTEMBER 22 IF DEEMED NECESSARY.

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2. U.S. CHAIRMAN PROPOSES THAT SUB GROUP MEETING BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON TECHNOLOGICAL EXCHANGES, ECONOMIC FORECASTING, AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. CHAIRMAN WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE AND/OR ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FROM BRAZILIAN SIDE.

3. USDA WILL TAKE THE LEAD IN DISCUSSING AGENDA TOPICS,

AND WE ENVISAGE THAT USDA REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE MOST DECISIONS FOR THE USG REGARDING ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN BY THE SUB-GROUPS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE DELEGATION (CHRIS NORRED OF ARA/ECP) AND TREASURY AND AID HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL DESIGNATE THE EMBASSY'S FINANCIAL ATTACHE AND

AID OFFICER AS THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES. WE ARE CONFIDENT ANY OTHER TOPICS OF INTEREST TO OTHER U.S. AGENCIES CAN BE HANDLED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION AND EMBASSY OFFICERS. IF ANY TOPIC REQUIRES DECISIONS BY NON-REPRESENTED AGENCIES, THE MATTER COULD BE SETTLED BY CABLE TO WASHINGTON.

4. TENTATIVELY THE U.S. SIDE SUGGESTS THE FOLLOWING AGENDA:

A. FORMALIZE PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS OF SUB GROUP.

B. SIGNING OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

C. REVIEW OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES. (SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT ONGOING ACTIVITIES WILL BE SENT IN SEPARATE CABLE.)

D. DISCUSSION OF PROJECT CATEGORIES IDENTIFIED AT JULY 5-6 MEETING NATURAL ENEMIES OF INSECTS AND WEEDS, ENERGY CONSERVATION, TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDING COMMODITY OUTLOOK, IMPROVEMENT OF AGRICULTURAL AND STATISTICAL REPORTING, AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH PROJECTS.

E. DISCUSSION OF UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECTS.

F. TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGES.

5. U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHUH AND INCLUDES USDA REPRESENTATIVES FROM OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF ENERGY, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION, ANIMAL PLANT AND HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE, FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, REPRESENTATIVE FROM LAND GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AS WELL AS OTHER U.S. AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3.

6. USDA AND DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO PROPOSED AGENDA. NAMES OF U.S. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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